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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday April 6, 2006 - 7 p.m.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Baton Rouge - May 6, 2006

Shreveport - May 6, 2006

Leesville - August 12, 2006

Monroe - November 11, 2006

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Golden Corral - Amb Caffery

Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Club Members! This is my first edition of the President's editorial to the LARC. My hope is that the information I provide will be of interest to you.

Congratulations to Nick, K5QXJ and his hamfest committee for a job well done. We have received many compliments on the hamfest, of our club members and the organization. This event places a spot light on our club and its members. A successful hamfest is not only related to making a small profit, but having one well organized and inviting to our guest.

We had our first Board meeting at my home Thursday, March 23rd. It lasted 3 hours and was attended by all board members and invited guest, Nick K5QXJ and Rick N5RLM. Thanks to my wife, Ronnie, for allowing me to have the meeting at our home, even if it was her birthday.

Goals, objectives and strategies of the board included increasing the number of new hams in our area, increasing club membership, gathering media attention and increasing participation in club activities.

We discussed a mission statement for AMOS. Although, incomplete at this writing, we did list some missions and will complete that task at the next June board meeting.

A schedule of club sponsored events and projects for this coming year was outlined and approved. Two events, Mardi Gras Parade and Boys Scout Jamboree, required more input from third parties. All of these events and projects will be brought up to the full membership for approval at the April meeting before placing them on our calendar of club sponsored events. Our W5DDL.ORG web site will contain a schedule of events for each month this year.

I am pleased to share the good news that we have Chairperson's ready to assume chairpersonships of events and projects, except the Cajun Half Marathon, Boys Scout Jamboree and Mardi Gras Parade. These Chairperson's will be looking to fill in Co-chairpersonships and club members to complete their committee role. So if asked, say 'YES'. Better yet volunteer your services to a committee of interest to you. If you have an interest in being a Chairperson of a committee yet unfilled, let me know. I promise you will find the role fulfilling and the club members will assist you.

We are looking for someone to take over the position of Skywarn and/or ARES director for our area. Many have voice in previous meetings the need for emergency communications, well now is the time to step up and volunteer. If you are interested in one of these positions, let me know.

A balanced budget was approved for this year. The board looked at the budget differently this year, in that fixed cost to run the club and variable other expenses were deducted from known income, dues, hamfest and interest. Any purchases for equipment or other assets was budgeted, but those purchases only reflect a swap of assets, example: equipment for cash and vice versa. The total value of the club assets in this budget does not change.

In order to fulfill our mission as a service organization, the board approved some reductions in donations, to make way for increases in other areas. The entire budget will be brought up for approval at the April club meeting. Included in the approved budget is a new project. Nick, K5QXJ will give more information on that topic at our April club meeting. I hope you will all join with the board in approving this worthwhile project and participating in it. I promise you will definitely find this project rewarding.

Well, that is all for now! Hope to see all of you at our next club meeting April 6th.

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Hamfest VE Testing Results

This is the results of the test session at the hamfest. The licenses are issued and we have a couple of new technicians on the air in this area.

NAME:	CALL:	STATUS:
Richard D. Pellerin	KE5HSZ	passed Technician
Karen K. Yordy	KA5EPR	was Technician - grandfathered into General
Gary M. Dunsford	KI4NQ	was Advanced - upgraded to Extra
Linda F. McMurray	KE5HSY	passed Technician
Glen R. Breaux	KD5NVC	passed General theory - need CW to upgrade to General
Karl W. Hardberger	KE5HSV	passed Technician
Don W. Willingham	N5KXF	was Technician - upgraded to General
Lionel H. Morales	KB5JSG	was Novice - upgraded to Technician with HF privileges
Dane R. Roy	KE5HSX	passed Technician
Mark Holcomb	KE5HSW	passed Technician

At the session we had six (6) passed the Technician test Element 2, three (3) passed the General test Element 3, and 1 passed the Extra test Element 4. Out of this, we have 6 new Technicians, 2 new Generals and 1 new Extera. One person only needs to pass the code test to get his General.

Danny K5ARH

HAM RADIO & AFFILIATED BLIND OF LOUISIANA

On Saturday March 23, the ABL held a their annual Convention/Seminar at the Best Western Hotel on Pinhook in Lafayette. Part of the program was a demonstration of Amateur Radio by members of the AARA to a group of about 125 vision impaired members of the ABL.

Glen Langston WA5TAQ headed the demonstration with John Martin KA5BSE and Herman Campbell KN5GRK assisting. A hand held 440 transceiver along with a mag-mount antenna was used to connect to the NG5T 440 repeater to link with the IRLP node. Connection was made to a IRLP node on the Isle of Dominica in the Winward Island chain in the Caribbean. A gentleman by the name of Joseph Guiste J73JT answered our CQ and we had a short QSO with him and his XYL. The audience could hear the conversation over the PA system. You should have seen the raised eyebrows and smiles on faces when Joseph told them all "Hello" with his Caribbean accent.

After the demonstration we were all given a "BIG" applause as we left the stage. Many had questions to ask during a brief intermission about our fascinating hobby.

WE HAD A LOT OF FUN!



Glen WA5TAQ & John KA5BSE

TID BYTES

If you are reading this newsletter and have not paid your 2006-2007 dues by March 31, you will loose your voting rights in club decisions and will not be authorized to use the repeater auto patch system.

A membership application / renewal form can be downloaded from: <http://www.w5ddl.org/aarambr.pdf> or pick one up at the next club meeting. Fill it out completely with all information, including birthday and e-mail address.

Louisiana Amateur License Plates

Amateur radios license plates have not been issued in some time due to a recent court case regarding prestige plates. We contended from the beginning the Amateur Plate were not Prestige plates, as they were authorized in the early 50's in recognition of our public service.

We recently received some good news on this issue. Senator Jay Dardenne has recently contacted the DMV at our request and they now report that amateur radio plates will once again become available on April 4, 2006.

This will apply to newly issued plates as well as renewals.

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**HAPPY
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April 16**

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS -- FEBRUARY 2006

2006 club officers for the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club are W5KB, President; W5AFD, Vice President; KE5BMS, Secretary; and W5RMX, Treasurer. Although the JARC suffered catastrophic damage from Katrina, the club's leadership is committed to the difficult task of rebuilding. In addition, starting on April 20 JARC members K5CFW and N05FD will teach a 6-session course to prepare teachers in the New Orleans area to earn their ham tickets. Great going, JARC!

We now have a second Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for dealing with large-scale disaster events. Our existing MOU with MS and STX remains in force; this new MOU with AR, MS, and TN simply gives us more options during emergencies. You can click on the "LA MS STX Emergency Communications" and the "AR LA MS TN Emergency Communications" links on the LA Section home page www.laarrrl.org to read our two MOUs. ARES members and traffic handlers should review both of these MOUs well before the official start of the 2006 Hurricane Season on June 1.

All hams interested in emergency communications are encouraged to pursue additional training whenever possible. If you aren't already receiving the excellent EMCOMM Monthly newsletter, you can sign up for a free subscription at www.emcomm.org. The FEMA Independent Study Program at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp> has dozens of free online courses. The two FEMA courses that probably all ARES members should take are IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) and IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction. Each of these two courses requires approximately three hours. Many, if not most, of our served agencies may require us to have NIMS/ICS training in order to be deployed in future emergencies.

It's been decided that the local starting times of the LA Traffic Net (LTN) and the LA CW Net (LCW) will remain at 6:00 pm daily and 6:30 pm daily, respectively, year round. As a reminder, if you participate in any public service activities (checking into traffic or ARES training nets, handling formal traffic, working with your local ARES group during emergency drills or public events such as parades, etc.), you are urged to submit a monthly Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) or traffic report (or both!) via email or radiogram. The rules for determining your PSHR "score" are described in the monthly Public Service column in QST.

KB5SAR is the new Emergency Coordinator for Morehouse Parish. With his knowledge and experience, Jeff will be an excellent EC for his local group and the LA Section is very fortunate to have him as an ARES leader.

N5FJ, K5GLS, and N5NVP have agreed to serve on the 2006 LA Section Field Day Awards Committee. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this year's FD awards program, you need to submit them to John, Gary, or Jim immediately. I've asked the committee to establish some basic award guidelines no later than May 1 so that our clubs will still have time to incorporate the new award rules into their FD plans.

WA5KBH recently received endorsement stickers for 350 confirmed grids on 6 meters on his VUCC award and 300 confirmed countries (entities) on his DXCC award. Congratulations, George! I welcome similar reports from other DXers and contesters for inclusion in the monthly section report.

Upcoming hamfests include the Sixty-Ninth Annual Baton Rouge ARC Hamfest on May 6 in Baton Rouge, the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, and the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville. Unfortunately, the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina has forced the cancellation of the Ozone ARC Hamfest in Slidell this year.

Traffic totals: K5MC 100, WA5LQZ 71, N5KWB 22, W5PY 17, AE5V 6. (January) N5KWB 29, W5PY 19.

Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 122, K5MC 110, N5KWB 97, N5MEL 84, W5HUD 84,

KD5ITA 55, K5ER 52, N5HMH 35. (January) W5PY 174, N5KWB 109.

Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 27/379/66. Louisiana CW Net: 24/111/30. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/62.

Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Calcasieu Parish ARES Net: 2/12. East Baton Rouge Parish ARES Net: 4/50. Franklin Parish ARES Net: 2/29. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 4/25. Ouachita Parish ARES Net: 4/50. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 4/10.



04/12 KB5RSH Brenda

04/17 WO5G J.C.

05/02 N5GTI Mel



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some are not listed.

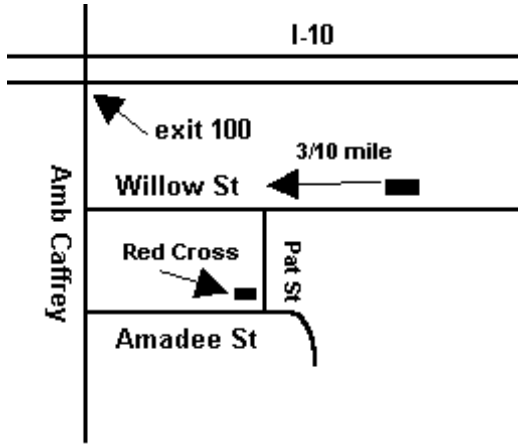
ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Lafource/N5PZJ, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Ouachita/K5ER, Rapides/KD5DFL, Richland/N5MEL, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Washington/AI5B, West Feliciana/N5SOD.

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COMPLEMENTARY
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UPCOMING CONTESTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

April 1 & 2 - Three Mile Island Incident observed
April 1 & 2 - 50th Annual QCWA Spring QSO Party
April 1 & 2 - EA RTTY Contest
April 1 & 2 - Kids Roundup
April 7 & 8 - World Health Day 2006
April 8 - Earth Day Celebration
April 8 & 9 - 64th Anniversary of Bataan Death March
April 9 - 15 - 25th Anniversary of First Shuttle Launch
April 9 - 15 - 94th Anniversary of the Titanic voyage.
April 15 - TARA Skirmish - Digital Prefix Contest
April 15 - 23 - Lighthouse Spring Lights QSO Party
April 22 & 23 - Former Voice of America relay station WBOU
April 29 & 30 - WW II Submarine USS Cobia AGSS-245 on the air
April 30 - Sixth Annual OKC Murrah Building Bombing Memorial Marathon
Check out the ARRL Website or QST Magazine for details and other listing too numerous to list here.

www.arrl.org

FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries -- including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov.

Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245